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SUBJECT: INDIAN OCEAN WORKING GROUP MEETING IN MOSCOW

1. WE HAVE EXPLICITLY DECIDED NOT TO GIVE SOVIETS OUR VIEWS
ON OUR APPROACH TO OR AGENDA FOR INDIAN OCEAN WORKING GROUP
IN ADVANCE OF JUNE 22 MEETING. IF SOVIETS INQUIRE ABOUT US
VIEWS, YOU MAY TELL THEM THAT WE WILL BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS
THIS AT OPENING SESSION IN MOSCOW. THE FOLLOWING IS PRO-
VIDED FOR YOUR INFORMATION ONLY.

2. WE PLAN TO TAKE A MEASURED APPROACH TO THE INITIAL
MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP. OUR PRIMARY AIMS ARE TO
DEMONSTRATE US INTEREST IN MEANINGFUL DISCUSSIONS OF INDIAN
OCEAN ARMS LIMITATIONS, TO SEE WHETHER THE SOVIETS WILL
PURSUE THE QUESTION SERIOUSLY AND TO DETERMINE IF THERE IS
A MUTUAL BASIS FOR MORE FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS. TO THIS END,
WE PLAN TO SKETCH OUR PRELIMINARY THINKING AND DRAW OUT
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SOVIET VIEWS ON THE AIMS OF INDIAN OCEAN ARMS LIMITATIONS,
THE APPROACH TO BE TAKEN IN PURSUING THESE AIMS (FOR
EXAMPLE, THE BILATERAL CHARACTER OF THE UNDERTAKING), AND
THE ELEMENTS OF MILITARY PRESENCE AND ACTIVITY THAT MIGHT
BE COVERED IN A FUTURE AGREEMENT AND MEASURES THAT MIGHT
BE APPLIED TO THEM.

3. THE BULK OF THE DISCUSSION WILL BE FOCUSED ON THE ELEMENTS WHICH MIGHT BE INCLUDED IN AN INITIAL AGREEMENT. WE PLAN TO RAISE IN THIS CONTEXT ONLY THE QUESTIONS OF THE AREA TO BE COVERED, NAVAL SHIP DEPLOYMENTS AND SUPPORT FACILITIES. IF THE SOVIETS RAISE OTHER ISSUES, WE WOULD RESPOND THAT WE SHOULD BEGIN BY ADDRESSING NAVAL ACTIVITIES AND, IF PROGRESS IS MADE ON THIS ISSUE, WE WOULD BE WILLING TO CONSIDER POSSIBLE RESTRICTIONS ON OTHER MILITARY ACTIVITIES AT SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ASSESSMENT OF SOVIET APPROACH SOONEST. CHRISTOPHER

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